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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 21, 2008 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to the August 21, 2008 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified application. A response to the August 21, 2008 Office Action was originally due on November 21, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the August 21, 2008 Office Action is now due on February 21, 2009. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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